REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Final Office Action dated June 24, 2004. Claims 1-6 and 8-39 were examined. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 15-20, 23, 31 and 33-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Peragine (U.S. Pat. No. 6,623,185). Claims 13, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Peragine. Claims 2 and 5 stand allowed and claims 8-12, 14, 21, 22, 24-30 and 32 are indicated as having allowable subject matter.

Claims 8, 21, 22, 24, and 29 are being put in independent form and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. By way of the present amendment claims 1, 7, 16-20, 23, and 36-39 are being cancelled. The remaining claims either depend from or have been amended to depend from claims containing allowable subject matter

In summary, claims 2-6, 8-15, 21-22, 24-35 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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